

**REMARKS**

Entry of this Amendment in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.114 is respectfully requested.

By the present Amendment, independent claim 20 has been amended to clarify the invention, as will be discussed below.

The present RCE is being filed specifically in response to the Advisory Action dated September 25, 2006. This Advisory Action entered the Amendment after Final Rejection filed on August 30, 2006, but continued to reject the claims 20-22 and 24-26. In particular, the Advisory Action stated:

“Applicant argues that the Mihara reference does not teach an arrangement in which the terminal portions are arranged in a zig-zag or staggered fashion along the arranged direction of the leads. Although it is true that Mihara does not teach the portions are arranged in a zig-zag or staggered fashion, this limitation is not actually claimed.” [underline added]

Accordingly, claim 20 has now been amended to specifically define:

“wherein the first terminal portions and the second terminal portions are arranged in a staggered arrangement.”


As such, claim 20 has now been amended to specifically define the staggered arrangement which the Advisory Action indicated had previously been missing from the claims. It is noted that the added limitation regarding the staggered arrangement of the terminal portions serve to further define the preceding limitation in the claim that “wherein the second terminal portions are arranged inside said first terminal portions, respectively.” As apparently clearly recognized by the Examiner (by virtue of the statements made in the Advisory Action), Mihara fails to teach or suggest any such staggered arrangement of the terminal portions. Therefore, entry of this

Amendment and allowance of amended independent claim 20 and its dependent claims 21, 22 and 24-26 is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner determines that there are any matters which can be resolved by way of either a personal or telephone interview, he is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Applicants request any shortage or excess in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, and for which no other form of payment is offered, be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 1374.43736X00).

Respectfully submitted,  
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